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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE LETTER MAILED OCTOBER 22, 2001

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Sir:

Please address all future correspondence to the attorney below, Douglas C. Murdock, rather than to Wesley B. Ames as Mr. Ames is not responsible for this case and no longer with the law firm of record.

## Remarks

The office letter mailed October 22, 2001, stated that the communication filed June 29, 2001, was not fully responsive and that Applicant must make an election of a single Group (i.e., one of Groups I-XIII).

Applicants held an in-person interview with Examiner Pierre VanderVegt following the first office action, i.e., the restriction requirement mailed January 5, 2001. Although this interview took place before the Examiner mailed a detailed action, the Examiner properly

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